IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE R.BASANT

FRIDAY, THE 3RD AUGUST 2007 / 12TH SRAVANA 1929

Bail Appl..No. 4684 of 2007()

AGAINST THE JUDGEMENT/ORDER IN BA.6737/2006 Dated 16/11/2006
CRIME NO.120/05 OF NATTUKAL POLICE STATION

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PETITIONER/ACCUSED NO.8

NRIPAN RAJ, S/O. RAMAKRISHNAN,
AGED 27 YEARS, KARODAN VEEDU, MATTATHUR VILLAGE,
KODALI, THRISSUR DISTRICT.

BY ADV. SRI.A.C.DEVY

RESPONDENTS: STATE

THE STATE OF KERALA, REPRESENTED BY
THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR, HIGH COURT OF KERALA,
ERNAKULAM.

BY PUBLIC PROSECUTOR SRI. S.U.NAZER

THIS BAIL APPLICATION HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 03/08/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY PASSED THE FOLLOWING:

R.BASANT, J.

B.A.No.4684 of 2007

Dated this the 3rd day of August 2007

O R D E R

Second application for regular bail. The petitioner is the eighth accused. He was arrested on 5/6/2007. The alleged incident took place on 24/6/2005.

2. I have adverted to facts in detail in the earlier order dated 3/7/2007 in B.A.No.3901/07. Investigation is not complete. This order must be read in continuation of the order dated 3/7/2007. I am not hence adverting to facts in any greater detail. The allegations are serious. The investigation is not complete. Indications about culpability of the petitioner are available. I am not satisfied, in the facts and circumstances of this case that the petitioner is entitled to be enlarged on bail at this stage. This is so notwithstanding the submission of the learned Public Prosecutor that some other accused have already been released on bail. The petitioner admittedly has a record of criminal antecedents and he was arrested while he was reporting before the police in another crime. Investigators in a serious crime like this are certainly entitled to further time to complete the investigation.

3. In the result, this petition is dismissed. However, I may hasten to observe that the petitioner shall be at liberty to move this court or the Sessions court for bail again at later stages of the investigation not, at any rate, prior to 17/08/2007. The investigating officer shall, in the meantime, make every endeavour to complete the investigation.

(R.BASANT, JUDGE)

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R.BASANT, J.

CRL.M.CNo.

ORDER

21ST DAY OF MAY2007